

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance

Calendar of Events for Victim Rights Observance

April 2004 - May 2004

EVENT	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	CONTACT
ANNUAL VICTIM RIGHTS CONFERENCE This conference is sponsored by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, The Victim and Witness Assistance Board, Attorney General Tom Reilly and dozens of victim rights and advocacy organizations. Pre-registration is required. Kim Meston will be the keynote speaker.	April 27, 2006 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Massachusetts State House Boston, MA	MOVA (617) 727-5200
Take Back the Night Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell & F.O.C.U.S. Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell will lead a march and speak out against violence in the community featuring survivor speakers.	April 4, 2006 7:00 pm Marching from Middlesex Community College, Lowell Campus to Lowell City Hall	Trish Glover, RCSGL (978) 452-7721 Sokley Ouer, F.O.C.U.S. (978) 458-6282
Take Back the Night – March & Rally to end sexual violence Voices Against Violence will lead a march and rally to speak out against sexual violence. There will also be a presentation of the Clothesline Project.	April 5, 2006 4:30 pm Marching from 300 Howard St. Framingham to Framingham Town Hall	Christine Brown (508) 820-0834
Regional Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting The Family Violence Intervention Coalition of eastern Pioneer Valley region will host a networking event,	April 10, 2006 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Palmer Public Library	Kathleen Conley Norbut (413) 267-3869 or (413) 284-5285

where best practices, resources and funding sources will be discussed and shared.	Palmer, MA	
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“Faces of Survivors” Photo Essay Organized by the Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery, this photo essay is to highlight sexual assault awareness month to the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Community.	April 10-14, 2006 West Campus Cafeteria of Beth Israel Medical Center	Lisa Hartwick (617) 667-3458
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Clothesline Project Sponsored by the Wayside Valley Rape Crisis Center, this event promotes awareness of the problem of sexual assault through displaying and creating t-shirts.	April 24, 2006 10:00 – 2:00 pm Druper Park Milford, MA 01757	Jeanne Ward (508) 478-6888 X134
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Taking Steps, The annual Central MA walkathon Organized by the Rape Crisis Center of Central MA, Taking Steps is a 5K walkathon that supports survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Worcester County and promotes prevention of violence against women and children.	April 23, 2006 11:00 am – 3:00 pm YWCA 1 Salem Square Worcester, MA	Kim Dawkins or Kathy Linton (508) 852-7600
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Flowers for Victims – Ceremony and Speak Out Womansplace Crisis Center is hosting this annual ceremony to raise awareness around sexual assault and honor those who have survived.	April 25, 2006 1:00 pm Brockton District Court Main Street Brockton, MA	Marguerite Cheney or Adrienne Lopez (508) 588-8255
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<p>5th Annual Business Women's Breakfast – A benefit for Seeds of Hope Scholarship Fund The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence hosts this annual breakfast to benefit their Seeds of Hope Scholarship Fund which grants scholarships to former victims of domestic violence.</p>	<p>April 26, 2006 7:30 am Registration The Colonnade Hotel 120 Huntington Ave Boston, MA</p>	<p>Surabhi Mittal (617) 338-2350 x 232</p>
<p>Victim Rights Awareness Fairs The V.E.T.O. Collaborative is sponsoring fairs at the Kingston and Hanover Malls to educate the public on victim rights and available services.</p>	<p>April 28, 2006 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Kingston Mall April 29, 2006 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Hanover Mall</p>	<p>Tamara Spinney (508) 894-6312</p>
<p>Vigil of Remembrance MADD Massachusetts is hosting a vigil to honor victims and families affected by drunk driving. If you would like the name of a victim/survivor of a drunk driving crash included on the program please RSVP by April 10th.</p>	<p>April 29, 2006 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church 26 North Street Medfield, MA</p>	<p>Jennifer Cunningham 1-800-633-6233</p>
<p>The Melting Pot – RCSGL 30th anniversary Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell invites you to celebrate the cultural diversity that makes up Lowell! The event includes authentic international cuisine, music from around the globe and live performances as well as a silent auction.</p>	<p>May 3, 2006 Lenzi's Mill House Dracut, MA</p>	<p>Michelle Pendergast (978) 452-7721</p>

<p>"The Yellow Dress" A live performance of the compelling play about teen dating violence, "the Yellow Dress", will be presented by Deana's Fund and sponsored by the Verizon Foundation and Spencer Savings Bank. The event is coordinated by the Warren Domestic Violence Task force.</p>	<p>May 4, 2006 8:30 am & 9:30 am Quaboag Regional High School Warren, MA 01083</p>	<p>Madeline Wheeler (413) 436-5790</p>
<p>Who's Serving Boston's Crime Victims? Organized by SHOC, this event will include information about a new victim resources guide and will allow community members and victim service providers to strengthen ties with each other. \$1 donation is suggested and lunch is provided.</p>	<p>May 4, 2006 10:00 am – 2:00 pm City School 614 Columbia Road Dorchester, MA</p>	<p>Asha Alex (617) 825-1917</p>
<p>9th Annual Gospel Concert Living After Murder Program (LAMP) invites you to enjoy a uplifting evening remembering and celebrating the lives of lost loved ones through fellowship and the power of gospel music.</p>	<p>May 6, 2006 4:00 pm Morning Star Baptist Church 1257 Blue Hill Avenue Mattapan, MA</p>	<p>Catherine Tyler (617) 825-9030</p>
<p>Protecting Our Children This Northeast Regional Conference is designed for federal, state and local law enforcement personnel who work with child victims of federal crimes, and victim advocates who work as part of an investigative or prosecutorial team dealing with child victims.</p>	<p>May 18 - 19, 2006 Four Points Sheraton Meriden, CT</p>	<p>Kathleen Griffin, New England US Attorney's Offices (617) 748-3140</p>

Flower Planting at the Garden of Remembrance Community Healthlink's After Homicide Program is hosting its annual flower planting event at the Garden of Remembrance in Lincoln Square. Flowers, mulch and garden tools will be provided. Participants are invited to bring water and gardening gloves.	May 13, 2006 11:00 am Lincoln Square Worcester, MA	Emma Thomas (508) 421-4501 RSVP by May 12
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Mothers' Walk for Peace A pledge walk event to benefit the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute	May 14, 2006 7:30 am Townsend Field Park Fields Corner Boston, MA	(617) 825-1917
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